

### REMARKS

Cancellation of claims 1, 9 and 17 without prejudice or disclaimer is being requested so only allowed claims 10-16 and objected to claims 2-8 and 18-20 are pending.

Objected to claims 2-8 and 18-20 have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Examiner has indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten as such.

### CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are allowable. Should the Examiner believe that a further telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

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